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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant:** Kota Nozue  
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**For:** ENDOSCOPE DISTAL HOOD  
COMPONENT  
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**Examiner:** Beverly Meindl Flanagan  
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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated June 21, 2004, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

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